



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GAGIVES ON #GIVINGTUESDAY

- WHEREAS: Nonprofit organizations play an important role in Georgia's economy by providing thousands of jobs and delivering many vital services to our state's citizens, including enhanced education for children, food for the hungry, and health care for older citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Financial resources and volunteer support from the public enable nonprofits to make a difference across the state each day; and
- WHEREAS: By supporting programs, employing qualified staff, and managing volunteers, nonprofit organizations engage in community outreach and work to strengthen their respective responses to Georgia's most critical issues; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's many tax-exempt and charitable organizations, as classified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, provide numerous benefits for communities across the state; and
- WHEREAS: Nonprofits strive to meet the ever-growing needs and demands for their services and depend on the public for financial support. Therefore, continued funding for these nonprofit entities is necessary to ensure their viability in local communities and to expand access to services for Georgia citizens; and
- WHEREAS: GAgives 2017 brought record results, with more than 19,000 donations totaling over \$4 million. More than 3,000 nonprofit organizations participated and corporate partners donated over \$300,000 in matching funds and in-kind support; and
- WHEREAS: This year, nonprofits from across Georgia will once again come together to increase their impact by forming GAgives, now in its seventh year. This initiative, held in conjunction with the nationwide movement of #GivingTuesday, is an effort to build awareness of the work of Georgia's nonprofits and to promote charitable giving and volunteerism; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 27, 2018, as GAgives on #GivingTuesday in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

CHIEF OF STAFF